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#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

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Bids to close at 12 o'clock Wednesday.

day, July 10th, 1912. The successful bidder will be required to give a satisfactory bond double the amount of the contract price, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars as a guarantee that the contractor will give the required bond and enter into contract.

Plans and specifications can be seen at A. J. Holden's store at Bristol, W. Va., and also at the offices of the Architect, Williams Building, Court Street, Clarksburg, W. Va.

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## VISIT OF DICKENS IS TOLD ABOUT

By Ambassador Reid at a Dinner Given in the City of London.

LONDON, July 6.—Whitlaw Reid, the United States ambassador, recalled some interesting incidents of the visit to America of Charles Dickens, at a dinner given by the Box Club in celebration of the centenary of the birth of the great novelist. The dinner was presided over by the Bishop of London and the company included the surviving children, grandchildren and other relatives of Dickens.

As so often happens at functions of the kind in England, the United States ambassador was the chief speaker. After paying a tribute to Dickens, who he said was recognized in America almost as soon as in his own country, Mr. Reid mentioned that he was one of a small number who remembered and participated in the farewell banquet to Charles Dickens, in the old Fourteenth street Delmonico's in New York at the close of his second visit to America in April, 1868.

"It was a banquet," said Mr. Reid, "not only to a great novelist, who had written many things about our people too near the truth to be popular at the time, but also to a great editor in his own country, from great editors in the country which he visited; and it was presided over by the greatest of them, an editor of immortal memory in the history of the country which he served in its gravest crisis and in its grandest achievement, Horace Greeley. At his right sat Charles Dickens, and next to the guest sat a spotless chevalier in the warfare of opinion that preceded the civil war—George William Curtis, a man of letters worthy to be associated with Mr. Dickens and an orator worthy to speak on the same platform. There was a long list of representative members of the profession, and all cordial and eager to make the honored guest feel welcome and at home—as eager as if Jefferson Brick had never been painted from the life from the occupant of a New York editorial office."

Referring to disregard, in the absence of international copyright, of Dickens's moral right to the receipts from the sale of his books, Mr. Reid asked: "Does anyone happen to remember the precise terms of the British copyright account with Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, for a novel that was read here almost as widely as

some of Mr. Dickens and was credited with almost as great an effect on the progress of the world—a work that was translated into all languages and sold in all lands? Can we see the settlement of the English copyright for the works of a poet named Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who sold here as widely as Alfred Tennyson; or of the similar account for the contribution to our common noble English literature by Nathaniel Hawthorne, Washington Irving, Ralph Waldo Emerson, James Russell Lowell or John Lathrop Motley?"

The ambassador thought it wiser to forget these mutual shortcomings and recall instead the spirit in which Dickens dealt with them in that banquet at Delmonico's forty years ago, and his promise to have reproduced in every subsequent edition of Martin Chuzzlewit and the American Notes the words he used on that occasion—a pledge most honorably kept by his publishers to this day. The spirit seems to me still of good omen for both England and America.

"It would be better for this globe to be risen by an earthquake, fired by a comet, overrun by an iceberg, and abandoned to the arctic fox and bear, than it should present the spectacle of those two great nations, each of which has, in its own way and hour, striven to hard and successfully for freedom, ever again being arrayed the one against the other."

Cottage life, which used to be picturesque feature of rural England, promises to become a thing of the past. The cottages are falling into ruins and no new ones are being built. This condition is also having a serious effect on marriage in the rural districts. Bridal couples of the working class cannot find homes and the overcrowding has reproduced in the country, where space should be ample for all residential requirements. It is said that the owners of the land are declining to build on the ground that the newly enacted land taxes make the future of the holdings precarious.

In Essex there are parishes where no marriages have taken place for fourteen years. In other places an rural exodus is taking place on account of the condemnation and collapse of the old cottages. In the neighborhood of a small holding district of Berkshire, several couples were recently forced to take lodgings in the workhouse for want of cottage accommodations.

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